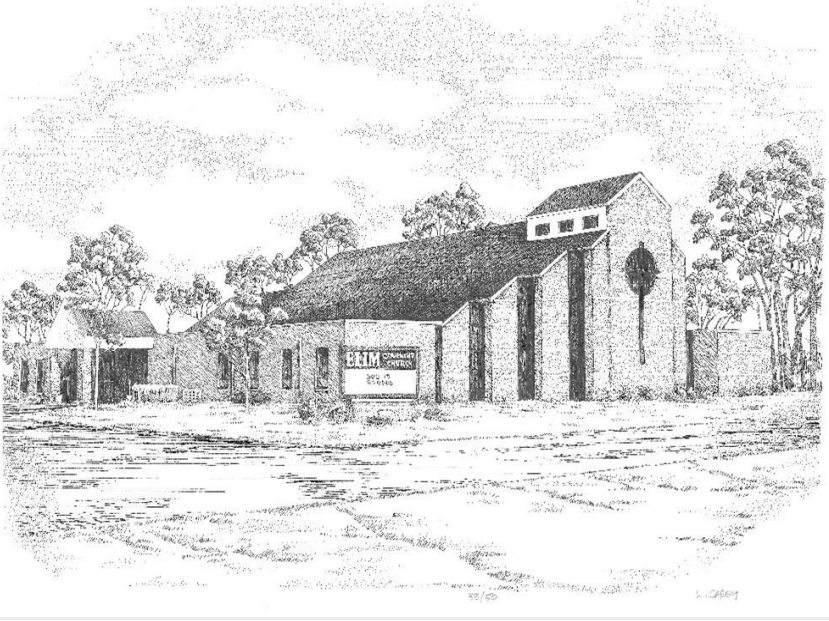


# **ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

## **December 29, 2024**



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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*Elim's mission statement:*

*"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."*

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kim Shuda**

**OFFERING**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
(John 1:5)*

**WORSHIP SONGS**

**MISSION MOMENT**

**Juanita Arellanos**  
**Laundry Ministry**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORDS FROM GOD**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Steve Peterson**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORSHIP SONG**

**BENEDICTION**

**GREETERS TODAY** Cheryl Bear & Karen Johnson

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**“Jesus, the Immigrant Child”**  
**Matthew 2:13-23**

**Key Text:** “... take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt...” (Mt. 2:13)

**Key Thought:** God calls us to love our neighbor, and especially immigrants.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The **FIRST** family (cf. Mt. 2:12; Hos. 11:1)
- 3) Amazing **IMMIGRANTS** (cf. Gen. 12:1; 27:42-43; 37:25-36; Exodus)
- 4) A **CONVOLUTED** mess (cf. Ex. 1:15-22; Rom. 13:1-3, 8-10)
- 5) God’s **VIEWPOINT** (cf. Ex. 23:9; Deut. 10:18-19; 24:14-21; Ps. 146:9)
- 6) God’s **CALL** (cf. Deut. 24:17; Zech. 7:10; Mal. 3:5; 1 Pt. 1:17)
- 7) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- Does it change your view on immigration, recognizing that Jesus was an immigrant for many years?
- With immigration issues, do you pray more than complain? Do you help more than harm?
- Do you accept God’s command and call to “love those who are foreigners”?

## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	Dec. 29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
			<b>No Children's Church</b>
Wednesday	Jan. 1		<b>New Year's Day</b>
			<b>Office Closed</b>
Sunday	Jan. 5	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Wednesday	Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	"Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 9	6:00 p.m.	<b>MLT Meeting</b>

### **December Birthdays**

31 – Kristen Burns

### **January Birthdays**

1 – Kinsey Knary  
5 – Eliana Rose Henderson

### **January Anniversaries**

8 – Jeff & Mary Parrott

### **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Worship = 72/ Views on YouTube = 26  
Sunday School/Children's Church = 15

## **CHILDCARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, December 29**

Children's Church: No Children's Church  
Nursery: Amy Hennings & Kristen Burns

### **NEXT WEEK, January 5**

Children's Church: Amy Hennings & Kim Shuda  
Nursery: Cheryl Bear & Lauran Schmidt